

FAITH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

A STUDY IN ESCHATOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

I. REASONS FOR OUR STUDY

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- Eschatology – Is a study of what the Bible teaches about the LAST THINGS. It is a study about Future Events, including the Second Coming of Christ and events to follow. (from Greek, ESCHATOS = ‘FINAL’ + LOGOS = ‘WORD OR IDEA’) Eschatology is ‘a word about Final Things.’

Millennium – The Thousand Year Reign of Christ on earth. (from the Latin MILLE, meaning ‘thousand’) It relates to Revelation 20:4, “They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

III. THE THREE MAJOR VIEWS OF THE END TIMES

1. AMILLENNIALISM – There will be no literal Future Millennium
2. POSTMILLENNIALISM – The Church through the spread of the Gospel
Will bring in a long time of righteousness and peace on earth and

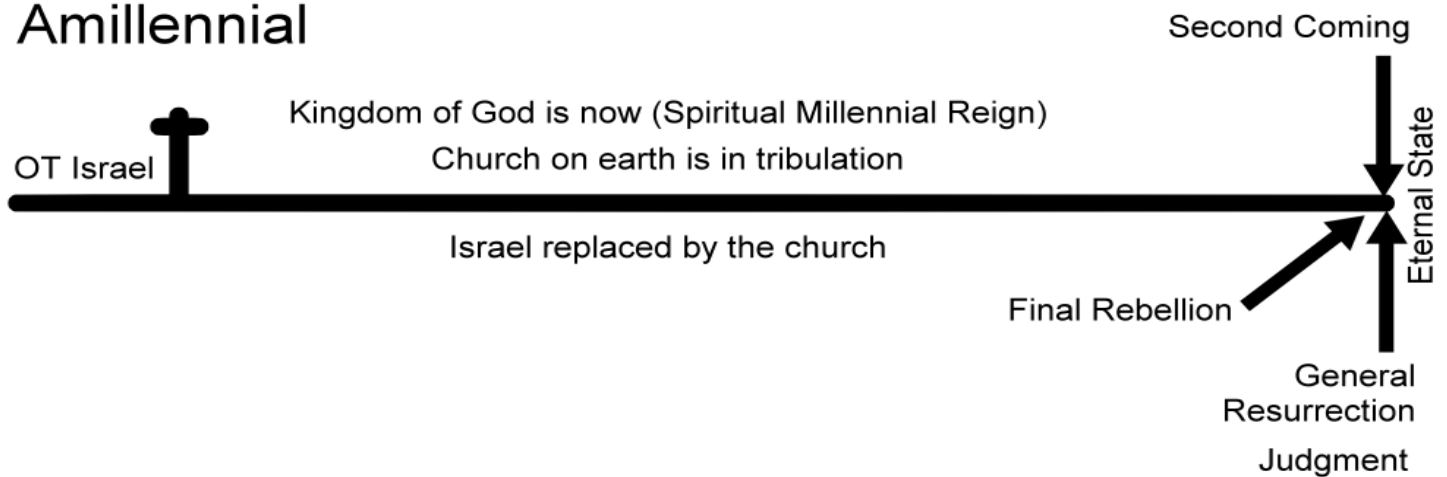
After this time Christ will return.

- 3. PREMILLENNIALISM – Christ will literally come to earth and establish a literal kingdom and will reign on earth for 1000 years**

A. Historic Premillennialism

B. Dispensational Premillennialism

Amillennial



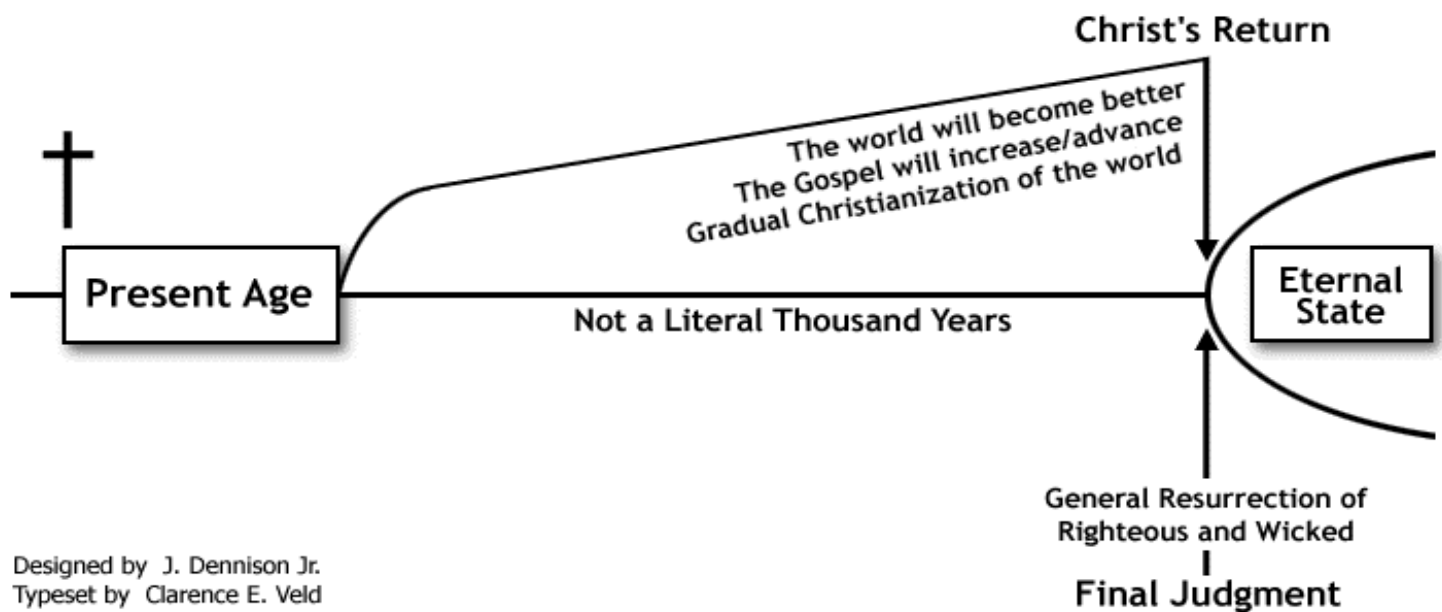
AMILLENNIALISM

1. Use a Non-literal method of Interpretation of the Bible
2. The Abrahamic, Palestinian, and Davidic Covenants were Conditional
3. The Church Replaces Israel
4. Christ's Kingdom is a Spiritual Kingdom not a Literal Kingdom

Christ reigns now in Heaven and He reigns now on earth through the Church

We are now In the Kingdom

5. Satan was Defeated and Bound at the cross and no longer can thwart the spread of the Gospel
6. The Tribulation or Great Tribulation is the Persecution of Christians throughout the Church Age.
7. View of Revelation—Some Amillennialists take the Historic View and see Revelation describing the present church age. Others take the Preterist View and believe all of Revelation took place in the 1st Century.
8. Christ will Come Back at which time the righteous & unrighteous dead will be raised and judged. The saved will go straight into the New Heavens and New Earth.



POSTMILLENNIALISM

“The Kingdom of God is now being extended in the world through the preaching of the Gospel and the saving work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of individuals, that the world is to be Christianized, and that the return of Christ is to occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace commonly known as the Millennium.” *Moody Handbook of Theology, p413*

1. They take a very Optimistic View of the present age
2. They have great confidence in the Preaching of the Gospel
3. Some would hold that a Great Tribulation may precede the Millennium
4. During the Millennium Christ will rule the earth through the Church. He will not be Physically Present on the earth
5. Christ will Return after the Millennium and defeat all evil and the dead will be raised and judged immediately after the Millennium